

New River Valley Regional LEPC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad

The meeting was opened at 10 a.m. with a welcome by David Linkous.

David Linkous led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes for August 16, 2016 were approved. The group provided brief round table introductions.

Standing Items

1. HazMat – Neal Turner and Billy Hanks, verbal report
 - a. Car carrier extensive fire on I-81 in September
 - b. Gasoline tanker explosion
 - c. Dump truck into yard near Woodland Hills spilled diesel fuel
 - d. I-81 126 mile marker tractor trailer crash
 - e. I-81 at the 109 (mega crash) Six tractor trailers involved at the 109, six more at the 114 in the last two weeks
 - f. I-81 fuel spill and truck on fire, vehicle hit on fire, six hours for cleanup (Election Day)
 - g. LP Tank Rollover on exit ramp, no spills whatsoever resulted
 - h. Liquid asphalt truck turn over on Peppers Ferry near Lowes, resulted in minor spill
 - i. All spills were cleaned/cleared successfully
2. Training
 - a. Upcoming training: Drones in Disaster Recovery webinar: 11/9 at 2 p.m. and 11/16 at 10 a.m. <http://bit.ly/CPRDrones> (they were recorded and will be available for playback)
 - b. Lewisgale Montgomery hosting CE First Responder Symposium in January (reported by Neal)

Old Business

1. Regional Membership
 - a. NRVLEPC is working to engage representatives from all existing LEPC's, organizations and localities within the region, but is not looking to replace existing LEPC's.
 - i. The New River Valley Regional LEPC has expanded to a regional approach from the former Montgomery County - Blacksburg LEPC and continues to offer the option of joining to all localities in the New River Valley. The following representatives were in attendance for the November 15th meeting: Josh Tolbert (Pulaski County), Rodney Haywood (City of Radford) and Kevin Sowers (Floyd County). We hope to have representatives from Giles County attend in the future.
 - b. Want to offer the opportunity for the whole New River Valley to combine resources to form more robust committee and support grant funding attempts.
 - c. Members showed support for this idea, citing the success of Roanoke's regional approach.
 - d. Members are encouraged to invite partners (public and private).

2. Zika Update
 - a. Mosquito season is ending, reducing potential exposures. Planning should continue in all localities
 - b. No person to person transmission thus far in Virginia.
3. Montgomery County Emergency Alert System
 - a. Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Montgomery County are all now utilizing Everbridge.
 - b. Currently working to take advantage of all facets of the program.
 - c. Program is paid for an additional year.
 - d. Radford has also adopted Everbridge platform.
 - e. Public response has been positive and enthusiastic.

New Business

1. Flu Vaccine
 - a. Health Department has 78 doses of chargeable vaccine to be administered, open to members of LEPC for employees.
2. Around the Room
 - a. Bobby Parker: NSPA Update, training event, 2/1 Active Shooter Seminar day-long training (non-tactical, response post-event) in Roanoke.
 - i. Anyone can sign up for the weekly NSPA email at <http://nspa1.org>
3. Tanker Fire on I-81 (Conny Oil Tanker – 9/3/16)
 - a. Presented by Neal Turner
 - b. Explosion happened at the 114 traveling southbound before noon.
 - c. 7,000 gallons of gasoline (10% ethanol which increases burn factor), 1,000 gallons of diesel.
 - d. Plume could be seen from the south end zone during the VT football game.
 - e. 60 gallons of foam used to suppress the fire.
 - f. I-81 reopened at approximately 2-2:30 (one shoulder lane in each direction)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to provide time for tours of the station immediately following.
Next meeting is 2/14 at the Regional 9-1-1 center.